

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in this Act and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, this Act may not be construed to impose a duty on or otherwise require a person to disclose that an individual is registered under this Act.

SECTION 2. 3 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 343.

This bill requires the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) to maintain a central registry of sexually violent predators and sexual offenders.

Although House Bill 343 makes many of the same changes as Senate Bill 605, there are numerous differences between the bills as referenced in the Attorney General's letter of May 15, 1997.

Senate Bill 605, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on this date, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 343.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 343

AN ACT concerning

Crimes and Punishments -- Sexual Crimes Against Children and Sex Offenders -- Registration

FOR the purpose of requiring a supervising authority to send notice to specified agencies and individuals when an individual who was convicted of a specified ~~sexual~~ crime is released or escapes; requiring a court to determine, under certain circumstances, if a certain person is a sexually violent predator; authorizing a sexually violent predator to request a reevaluation after a certain time period; requiring a ~~an~~ sexual offender ~~certain persons~~ to register with a supervising authority on a specified date; requiring certain persons to register with local law enforcement agencies; requiring the supervising authority to provide ~~the sexual offender~~ a certain person with specified information when the ~~sexual offender~~ person registers; requiring the supervising